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25 from Across State Complete Civil Air Patrol's Emergency Services Management Workshop

Some 25 men and women from across New York State completed a Civil Air Patrol Emergency Services Mission Management Workshop held March 29 at Oneida County Airport in Oriskany.

Focusing on the principles of managing search-and-rescue missions, the workshop included a table-top exercise in which Civil Air Patrol (CAP) air and ground teams assisted a local sheriff's department in locating a missing airplane and its occupants.

Lt. Col. William Hughes of Walworth, director of emergency services for CAP's New York Wing, conducted the workshop with the assistance of Lt. Col. Steven Perta of Rome, the wing's director of operations, and Capt. Andrew Feldman of Coram, the wing's director of radio communications.

Facilitators for the table-top exercise included Col. Herbert Lavin of Whitesboro, New York Wing staff, Lt. Col. Al Larmann of Canastota, New York Wing staff, and Maj. William Eberst (USAF Ret.), U.S. Air Force-Civil Air Patrol liaison at Stratton Air National Guard Base, Scotia.

The following completed the workshop:

1st Lt. Matthew Bentz, Woodside NY
Maj. Thomas Carello, Syracuse NY
Capt. William Carroll Kingston NY 12401
Maj. James Edmonds, Liverpool NY
Maj. Robert Flynn, Syracuse NY
1st Lt. Scott Gardner, Warsaw NY
Capt. Paul Ghiron, Pleasantville NY

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Lt. Col. Jacques Heinrich, Selden NY
Lt. Col. Ronald Heintz, Lake View NY
Capt. Robert Hull, Wilson NY
Lt. Col. Randall Johnson, Endicott NY
Lt. Col. Charles Jones, Lewiston NY
Capt. Daniel Katz-Braunschweig, Maspeth NY
1st Lt. Patricia Main, West Monroe NY
2nd Lt. Eva Owen, Rego Park NY
Maj. Melvin Rebic, Fredonia NY
1st Lt. Daniel Rogers, Bohemia NY
Lt. Col. Lloyd Stevens, Montrose PA
S/M Robert Stronach, Marcy NY
1st Lt. Thomas Szekely, New York NY
Maj. David Victor, Watkins Glen NY
Lt Col Ronald Volungus, Rexford NY
1st Lt. Edward Wilkonski, Webster NY
1st Lt. Shlomo Zelkine, Rego Park NY
Lt. Col. John Zier, Hamburg NY

The Civil Air Patrol, the official Air Force Auxiliary, is a nonprofit organization chartered by Congress. It performs 95% of inland search-and-rescue missions in the continental United States tasked by the Air Force Rescue Coordination Center at Langley Air Force Base, VA. CAP is often called upon during natural and other disasters such as the attack on the World Trade Center, floods, storms, and forest fires. Volunteers also take a leading role in aerospace education and serve as mentors to America's youth through CAP cadet programs.

Even though the U.S. Air Force now has placed CAP under its Homeland Security directorate, homeland defense is not a new role for CAP volunteers. CAP flew over 87,000 anti-submarine and border patrol sorties during the Second World War, earning its members the nickname, "The Flying Minutemen". CAP aircraft and crews across the state routinely respond to search-and-rescue and disaster relief needs. The New York Wing has a fleet of 17 planes and is composed of nine Groups that oversee 58 squadrons.

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